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Florida

Weather: Rainfall varied throughout Florida for the month of August. Some parts of the State were saturated, while fields in portions of the Panhandle experienced drought. High heat indices were reached during the early part of August with daytime temperatures exceeding 100 degrees for several consecutive days. Cotton, peanuts, and forage crops suffered due to extreme heat and low soil moisture. Peanut harvest was underway for early-planted peanuts. In northern areas that received abundant rains, white mold was problematic for peanut producers. Peanut pegging was virtually complete at the end of the month. As of September 1, peanut condition was reported as 1% poor, 13% fair, 70% good, and 16% excellent. Grasshoppers and armyworms were pests for hay producers. Deer, armyworms, and grasshoppers were becoming an issue in some soybean fields. In the southern growing region, heavy rainfall slowed fieldwork but allowed for rapid cane growth. In addition, warm temperatures promoted rapid development in many cane fields, leaving much of the crop in excellent condition. Although producers were treating some fields for orange rust, the impact was not expected to jeopardize the crop.

Cotton: Based on conditions as of September 1, production is estimated at 130 thousand bales, up 11 percent from 2009. Harvested acres are at 89 thousand acres, 11,000 acres more than the previous year. Predicted yield is 701 pounds per acre, down three percent from last year.

Peanuts: Total expected production is at 392 million pounds, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 135 thousand acres, up 30,000 acres from last year. Expected yield is 2,900 pounds per acre, down nine percent from the previous year.

Sugarcane: Production for sugar and seed is estimated to be 14.4 million tons, down three percent from last year. Harvested area is expected to be 392 thousand acres, 5,000 acres more than the previous year. Expected yield is set at 36.7 net tons per acre, a two percent increase from 2009.

United States

Cotton: Production is forecast at 18.8 million 480-pound bales, up two percent from August and up 55 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Growers expect to harvest 10.6 million acres, up one percent from last month and 43 percent above last year. Yield is expected to average 839 pounds per harvested acre, up 62 pounds from last year.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 4.09 billion pounds, up one percent from the August forecast and up 11 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.26 million acres, unchanged from August but up 17 percent from 2009. Yields are expected to average 3,242 pounds per acre, up 38 pounds from August but down 170 pounds from last year.

Corn: Production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down two percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 81.0 million acres, unchanged from August but up two percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Soybeans: Production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up one percent from August and four percent above last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 78.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up two percent from 2009. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from both last month and last year. With the exceptions of Louisiana and the Carolinas, yields are forecast down across the Delta States, Southern Great Plains, and Southeast.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 30.2 million tons, slightly down from the August 1 forecast and down one percent from 2009. Production decreases from last year are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana, while increases are expected in Florida and Texas. Producers intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, down 7,000 acres from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of September 1, 2010 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2010 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2009	For harvest 2010	2009	Indicated 2010		2009	Indicated 2010
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
Florida							
Cotton ¹	78.0	89.0	723.0	701.0	(¹)	117.5	130.0
Peanuts	105.0	135.0	3,200.0	2,900.0	pounds	336,000.0	391,500.0
Potatoes:							
Spring	28.9	31.0	266.0	244.0	cwt	7,700.0	7,550.0
Sugarcane	387.0	392.0	36.0	36.7	net tons	13,939.0	14,386.0
United States							
Corn for Grain	79,590.0	81,005.0	164.7	162.5	bushels	13,110,062.0	13,159,700.0
Cotton, All ¹	7,528.7	10,773.0	777.0	839.0	(¹)	12,187.5	18,840.8
Hay, Alfalfa	21,227.0	20,732.0	3.35	3.49	tons	71,030.0	72,455.0
Hay, All Other	38,528.0	38,924.0	1.98	2.09	tons	76,412.0	81,439.0
Peanuts for Nuts	1,081.0	1,261.0	3,412.0	3,242.0	pounds	3,688,350.0	4,088,100.0
Potatoes:							
Winter	8.7	(NA)	245.0	(NA)	cwt	2,132.0	(NA)
Spring	73.7	89.6	289.0	291.0	cwt	21,321.0	26,060.0
Summer	42.7	37.1	340.0	317.0	cwt	14,522.0	11,779.0
Fall	917.2	882.3	429.0		cwt	393,544.0	
Rice	3,103.0	3,623.0	7,085.0	7,047.0	(²)	219,850.0	255,319.0
Sorghum for Grain	5,520.0	5,176.0	69.4	72.7	bushels	382,983.0	376,469.0
Soybeans for Beans	76,372.0	77,986.0	44.0	44.7	bushels	3,359,011.0	3,482,899.0
Sugarbeets	1,148.6	1,143.5	25.7	28.9	tons	29,563.0	33,060.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed	873.9	876.2	34.8	34.5	net tons	30,432.0	30,209.0
Sweet Potatoes	96.9	110.2	201.0		cwt	19,469.0	
Tobacco, All	354.2	331.1	2,322.0	2,193.0	pounds	822,567.0	726,253.0
Wheat, All:	49,868.0	48,263.0	44.4	46.9	bushels	2,216,171.0	2,264,928.0
Winter	34,485.0	32,085.0	44.2	47.5	bushels	1,522,718.0	1,522,902.0
Durum	2,428.0	2,588.0	44.9	42.0	bushels	109,042.0	108,781.0
Other Spring	12,955.0	13,590.0	45.1	46.6	bushels	584,411.0	633,245.0

NA Not available

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.